A BILL FOR AN ACT

Concerning an expansion of the duration for which the Colorado Water Resources and Power Development Authority may make a loan under the Authority's Revolving Loan Programs.

Bill Summary

(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at http://leg.colorado.gov.)

Water Resources Review Committee. Pursuant to the federal clean water act and the federal "Safe Water Drinking Act", the Colorado water resources and power development authority (authority) makes loans
under its water pollution control revolving fund and its drinking water revolving fund. Under state law, the duration of any water pollution control loan made by the authority must not exceed 20 years after project completion; however, the federal clean water act now allows for loans up to the lesser of 30 years or the projected useful life of the project, as determined by the state. The bill removes the 20-year limitation on water pollution control loans and authorizes the authority to make loans in compliance with the clean water act and the "Safe Water Drinking Act".

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:

SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-95-103, amend the introductory portion and (4.5) as follows:

37-95-103. Definitions. As used in this article ARTICLE 95:

(4.5) "Clean water act" means the "Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972", Pub.L. 92-500, and any act amendatory or supplemental thereto as of April 4, 1988 AS AMENDED.

SECTION 2. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-95-107.6, amend (3)(a) as follows:

37-95-107.6. Creation and administration of water pollution control revolving fund. (3)(a) The authority may make and contract to make loans to governmental agencies in accordance with and subject to the provisions of this section to finance the cost of wastewater treatment system projects that are on the water pollution control project eligibility list established pursuant to subsection (4) of this section and any other projects authorized under the clean water act and that the governmental agencies may lawfully undertake or acquire under state law, including but not limited to, applicable provisions of the "Colorado Water Quality Control Act", article 8 of title 25, C.R.S., and for which the governmental agencies are authorized by law to borrow money. The loans may be made subject to such terms and conditions as the authority shall determine to be
consistent with the purposes thereof of the loans. Each loan by the
authority and the terms and conditions thereof shall be
subject to financial analysis by the division of local government of the
department of local affairs. Such financial analysis shall include an analysis of the capacity to repay a loan and the need for
financial assistance. Each loan to a local governmental agency shall be evidenced by notes, bonds, or other obligations thereof issued by the
local governmental agency to the authority. In the case of each
governmental agency, notes and bonds to be issued to the authority by the
local governmental agency shall be authorized and issued as provided by
law for the issuance of notes and bonds by the governmental agency, may
be sold at private sale to the authority at any price, whether or not less
than par value, and shall be subject to redemption prior to maturity
at such times and at such prices as the authority and governmental agency
may agree. Each loan to a local governmental agency and the notes,
bonds, or other obligations thereby issued shall bear interest at such
A rate or rates per annum at or below the market interest rate and shall
be for such terms not to exceed twenty years after project
completion as that are agreed upon by the authority and the
governmental agency and are in compliance with the
Clean Water Act.

SECTION 3. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 37-95-107.8, amend
(3)(a)(III) as follows:

37-95-107.8. Creation and administration of drinking water
revolving fund. (3) (a) (III) All notes, bonds, or other obligations
evidencing a loan from the authority may be sold at private sale to the
authority at any price, whether or not less than par value. The
denominations, the times for payment of principal and interest, and the
provisions for redemption prior to maturity of such notes, bonds, or
other obligations are as agreed by the authority and the borrower. Each
loan to a governmental agency or private nonprofit entity and the notes,
bonds, or other obligations thereby issued must bear interest at such a rate
or rates per annum at or below the market interest rate and be for such
terms not to exceed twenty years after project completion as agreed upon by
the authority and the borrower. If the source of the loaned funds is a grant
from the United States, the loan term may be extended in accordance with
the terms of and are in compliance with the safe drinking water act.

SECTION 4. Act subject to petition - effective date - applicability. (1) This act takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following
the expiration of the ninety-day period after final adjournment of the
general assembly (August 8, 2018, if adjournment sine die is on May 9,
2018); except that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 117
(3) of article V of the state constitution against this act or an item, section,
or part of this act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part
will not take effect unless approved by the people at the general election
to be held in November 2018 and, in such case, will take effect on the
date of the official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.

(2) This act applies to loans made on or after the applicable
effective date of this act.